

Mesa's Metro Light Rail Expansion Environmental Assessment Information

METRO plans to extend the Light Rail along Main Street between the Sycamore Transit Center and Mesa Drive. The Central Mesa Light Rail project supports the community's environmental and economic development goals by:

- Reducing traffic congestion and air pollution
- Reducing transportation costs for local residents
- Providing additional transportation choices
- Encouraging the development of new housing in central Mesa
- Encouraging development of office and retail development and related jobs and services
- Supporting ongoing City efforts to promote infill development that discourages urban sprawl and revitalizing Mesa's downtown core
- Providing access to employment, educational, health, cultural and recreational areas
- Encouraging mixed-use development, including brownfields redevelopment



For more information about the Light Rail Expansion project visit www.metrolightrail.org/centralmesa

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Prior to acquiring property for construction, the City will perform environmental assessments of potential 'brownfield' sites adjacent to the planned 2.7 mile expansion of the Light Rail Line. Brownfields are residential, commercial or industrial property, where the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of the property may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

EPA Grant Request:

The City has requested that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) join Mesa and our partners, METRO, the Federal Transit Administration, community-based organizations and private property owners by providing funds for a Community-wide Brownfields Assessment Grant. The grant will be used to conduct assessments which will result in a direct benefit to facilitate redevelopment of current properties where petroleum or other hazardous substances may be present. The City is requesting \$200,000 to determine the presence of petroleum and \$200,000 to determine the presence of hazardous substance. The assessment program will be a collaborative effort between the City of Mesa, property owners and METRO.

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The ultimate goal is to help to build stronger, safer, and healthier neighborhoods; generate jobs; provide social sustainability, and provide a catalyst for further development in the target area and the rest of the City.

To view the grant application, visit: www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability